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1. THE INITIAL NORWEGIAN REACTION TO THE US APPROACH TO THE ROME MEETINGS, AS OUTLINED IN THE REFTEL, IS FAVORABLE. THIS BECAME CLEAR WHEN THE TEXT OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE WAS DELIVERED TO CHIEF OF TRANSPORTATION DIVISION IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, FRODE NILSEN, AND HIS ASSISTANT, ARNE SIVERTSEN.

2. THE PRIMARY NORWEGIAN AIM AT ROME WILL BE TO ACHIEVE ACCEPTANCE OF AN INDEPENDENT CONVENTION. ONCE THAT IS ACCOMPLISHED, THE NORWEGIANS COULD SUPPORT THE AMENDMENT

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OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION. THEY FULLY AGREE, HOWEVER,

THAT RATIFICATION OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHICAGO CONVENTION WOULD BE A LONG DRAWN OUT PROCESS AND WISH AN INDEPENDENT CONVENTION IN THE INTEREST OF SPEED.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE NORDIC DRAFT, NISLEN AND SIVERTSEN WERE FAVORABLY DISPOSED AND STATED THAT THE NORWEGIAN POSITION WAS FLEXIBLE. THEY FURTHER AGREED THAT CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO THE USSR PROPOSAL MODIFIED TO PROVIDE AN ACCEPTABLE OPTION BETWEEN EXTRADITION AND PROSECUTION.

4. THEY POINTED OUT WITH EVIDENT SATISFACTION THAT NORWAY HAS NOW RATIFIED AND ACCEDED TO THE MONTREAL CONVENTION.

5. THEY STATED THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER INTER-NORDIC CONSULTATION UNTIL ARRIVAL IN ROME. INTERNAL DISCUSSIONS AMONG INTERESTED NORWEGIAN AGENCIES ARE STILL IN PROGRESS, AND THE US POSITION WILL BE INCLUDED IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS. WE WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED.

6. THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATION TO THE DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE WILL BE HEADED BY PER TRESSELT, CHIEF OF THE FIFTH LEGAL DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TREATY MATTERS, AND WILL INCLUDE SIVERTSEN. THE DELEGATION TO THE ICAO ASSEMBLY WILL BE HEADED BY ERIK WILLOCH, DIRECTOR OF THE CIVIL AVIATION DIRECTORATE. ONE OR THE OTHER DELEGATION WILL ALSO INCLUDE OFFICIALS FROM THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.
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